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SUBJ: VISIT OF JOSHUA NKOMO TO POLAND

1. TRYBUNA LUDU, THE DAILY ORGAN OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' (COMMUNIST) PARTY, REPORTS THAT JOSHUA NKOMO LED A DELEGATION OF THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION (ZAPU) ON A VISIT TO POLAND MAY 26 - 28. ACCORDING TO TRYBUNA LUDU OF MAY 27, THE POLISH FRONT OF NATIONAL UNITY (FJN) INVITED THE ZAPU REPRESENTATIVES. DURING HIS STAY, NKOMO MET WITH VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FJN WIT DRAPICH, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EUGENIUSZ KULAGA,  
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CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE HENRYK JABLONSKI, AND POLITBURO MEMBER EDWARD BABIUCH, AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLISH COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLES OF ASIA AND AFRICA.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED MAY 29 IN TRYBUNA LUDU, NKOMO SAID:

A. THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA "HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE".  
MUZOREWA, SITHOLE, AND CHIRAU "...SOLD THEIR SOULS TO (SMITH)  
AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE".

B. "AFTER THE AGREEMENT (BETWEEN THE SMITH GOVERNMENT AND THE  
THREE BLACK LEADERS), NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN MY COUNTRY.  
ARRESTS AND MURDERS OF PATRIOTS STILL OCCUR, PEOPLE ARE STILL  
FORCED INTO SPECIAL VILLAGES WHICH WE CALL, BECAUSE THEY REALLY  
ARE, CONCENTRATION CAMPS."

C. "THE GOAL OF THE ENGLISH AND AMERICANS IS NOT TO END  
MINORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE. THEIR PROPOSALS LEAD, IN FACT, NOT  
TO THE TRANSFER OF POWER INTO THE HANDS OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY,  
BUT HAVE AS A GOAL THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WITH  
THE HANDS OF THAT SAME FRONT."

D. ZAPU RECEIVES AID FROM "AFRICAN COUNTRIES, SOCIALIST  
COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS FROM SOME MASS ORGANIZATIONS IN COUNTRIES  
OF LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA. IT IS NOT DIRECT HELP, AS IN  
ANGOLA. IT IS COOPERATION IN OVERCOMING ENEMIES OF MANKIND, IN  
THE BATTLE AGAINST FASCISM, RASCISM, AND COLONIALISM... THAT  
IS THE SAME BATTLE WHICH WAS FOUGHT IN THE YEARS 1939 - 1945."

E. "WHEN WE ARE FREE I WOULD LIKE TO UNITE OUR SOCIETY AND  
BUILD OUR COUNTRY AS THE POLES HAVE DONE."

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3. COMMENT: THE POLISH LEADERSHIP APPEARS TO HAVE KEPT NKOMO  
SOMEWHAT AT ARMS LENGTH DURING HIS FIRST VISIT TO POLAND. NOT-  
WITHSTANDING NKOMO'S CALL ON JABLONSKI, WHICH OF COURSE HAS  
PROTOCOLARY SIGNIFICANCE, AMONG THE POLISH OFFICIALS WITH WHOM  
HE SPOKE ONLY BABIUCH CARRIES CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL CLOUT.  
AS NKOMO PRESUMABLY DID NOT NEED TO CONVINCE ANYONE IN OFFICIAL  
POLAND OF THE NEED TO SUPPORT HIS CAUSE, IT IS LIKELY HE WAS  
SEEKING SOME TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF THAT SUPPORT. PUBLISHED  
ACCOUNTS OF THE VISIT GIVE NO INDICATION WHETHER HE FULFILLED  
SUCH AN OBJECTIVE. END COMMENT.  
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